

Warren Wilson Presbyterian Church

November 23, 2025



Artist: Charles Counts

I lift up my eyes to the hills—
from where will my help come?
My help comes from the Lord,
who made heaven and earth.

(Psalm 121: 1-2)

Warren Wilson Presbyterian Church

Christ the King Sunday

November 23, 2025 11:00 AM

GREETINGS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

MINUTE FOR MINISTRY

Eloise Hill

GREETINGS FROM WARREN WILSON COLLEGE

Damián Fernández, President

GREETINGS FROM PRESBYTERY OF WNC

Byron Wade, Executive Presbyter

PRELUDE "Intermezzo (Sedative and Harvest)" John E West

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Dennis Stockdale

Into your presence we come,
Savior, Redeemer, Friend, and King,
**your servants with our offering
of worship, thanksgiving, and song.**

Gifts from our riches, the gift of our history,
the gift of who we were and who we are.

From age to age and the ages yet to come.

We come to worship.

*HYMN 367

"Come, Ye Thankful People, Come"

ST. GEORGE'S WINDSOR

1 Come, ye thankful people, come;
raise the song of harvest home.
All is safely gathered in,
ere the winter storms begin.
God, our Maker, doth provide
for our wants to be supplied.
Come to God's own temple, come;
raise the song of harvest home.

2 All the world is God's own field,
fruit in thankful praise to yield,
wheat and tares together sown,
unto joy or sorrow grown.
First the blade, and then the ear,
then the full corn shall appear.
Lord of harvest, grant that we
wholesome grain and pure may be.

3 For the Lord our God shall come,
and shall take the harvest home;
from each field shall in that day
all offenses purge away;
give the angels charge at last
in the fire the tares to cast,
but the fruitful ears to store
in God's garner evermore.

4 Even so, Lord, quickly come
to thy final harvest home.
Gather thou thy people in,
free from sorrow, free from sin,
there forever purified,
in thy presence to abide:
come, with all thine angels, come;
raise the glorious harvest home!

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING (unison)

**Your kingdom
is an everlasting kin-dom,
on earth and in heaven above,
Your people
and all those living in your blessings of grace,
sharing your peace and love.
Your victory
which conquered the fear of death,
demonstrating the power of love,
Your peace
which flows like a stream in our hearts,
what could be greater than this
for which we give our thanks!**

ASSURANCE OF GOD'S GRACE & LOVE

***RESPONSE TO GOD'S LOVE**

“From All That Dwell Below the Skies”

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*Eternal are thy mercies, Lord; eternal truth attends thy word:
Alleluia! Alleluia!
Thy praise shall sound from shore to shore;
till suns shall rise and set no more.
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!*

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** (by Frederick G. Ohler)

**At its best, the church in this place
is leaven, catalyst
and a focus for community;
a home where we can bring
our joys and our wounds,
where children are baptized, lovers are married,
and friend die mourned, appreciated and resurrected,
where simple feasts are served by Christ;
a sanctuary for a lone prayer late at night,
a party where dancers, mimes, musicians, poets and players
offer their tribute;
Where balloons and liturgy,
innovation and tradition,
young and old,
repentance and celebration
are joined.**

PASSING OF THE PEACE

*May the peace of Christ be with you. **And also with you.***

A TIME FOR CHILDREN OF ALL AGES Rev Dr Steve Runholt

Children and youth of all ages are invited to come forward.

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

FIRST LESSON

Psalm 146

ANTHEM

”Sing to the Lord of Harvest”

Robert Wetzler

*Sing to the Lord of harvest, Sing songs of love and praise;
With joyful hearts and voices Your alleluias raise!
By him the rolling seasons in fruitful order move;
Sing to the Lord of harvest A song of happy love.*

*By him the clouds drop fatness, The deserts bloom and spring,
The hills leap up in gladness, The valleys laugh and sing.
He filleth with his fullness All things with large increase;
He crowns the year with goodness, With plenty, and with peace.*

*Heap on His sacred altar The gifts His goodness gave,
The golden sheaves of harvest, The souls He died to save.
Your hearts lay down before him When at His feet you fall,
And with your lives adore Him Who gave His life for all.*

*To God the gracious Creator, Who made us very good,
To Christ, who when we wandered, Restored us with His blood,
And to the Holy Spirit, who doth upon us pour
His blessed dews and sunshine, Be praise for ever more!*

SECOND LESSON

Luke 19:29-40

SERMON

Rev Dr Laurie Furr-Vancini

***HYMN 2 “Come, Thou Almighty King”**

ITALIAN HYMN

1 Come, thou almighty King,
help us thy name to sing;
help us to praise:
Father, all glorious,
o'er all victorious,
come, and reign over us,
Ancient of Days.

2 Come, thou incarnate Word,
merciful, mighty Lord,
our prayer attend.
Come, and thy people bless,
and give thy word success;
Spirit of holiness,
on us descend.

3 Come, holy Comforter,
thy sacred witness bear
in this glad hour.
Thou who almighty art,
now rule in every heart,
and ne'er from us depart,
Spirit of power.

4 To thee, great One in Three,
eternal praises be,
hence evermore!
Thy sovereign majesty
may we in glory see,
and to eternity
love and adore.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE & THE LORD'S PRAYER

Rev Margaret LaMotte Torrence

**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name,
thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our debts,
as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the
power,
and the glory, forever. Amen.**

***HYMN 305** “Come Sing, O Church, in Joy!” DARWALL'S 148TH

1 Come sing, O church, in joy!
Come join, O church, in song!
For Christ the Lord has led us
through the ages long!

Refrain:

In bold accord,
come celebrate the journey now
and praise the Lord!

2 Long years have come and gone,
and still God reigns supreme,
empowering us to catch the vision,
dream the dream! (Refrain)

3 Let courage be our friend;
let wisdom be our guide,
as we in mission magnify
the Crucified! (Refrain)

4 Come sing, O church, in joy!
Come join, O church, in song!
For Christ the Lord has triumphed o'er
the ages long! (Refrain)

***CHARGE & BENEDICTION**

POSTLUDE

“Celebration Fanfare”

C. S. Lang

*Please rise in body and/or spirit

CHURCH STAFF

Laurie Furr-Vancini, Transitional Pastor
Ted Stewart, Director of Music
Andrew Tripp, Church Administrator
Leslie Sayyar and Brent Roberts, Treasurers
Barbara Escalante, Bookkeeper

Liturgist: Dennis Stockdale
Elder of the Day: Sally Broughton

ANNOUNCEMENTS

WELCOME VISITORS If you are worshiping here for the first time today, welcome! We are glad to have you with us. Please fill out a visitor information card, located on the right as you enter the chapel, and place it in the offering plate.

OFFERING Plates are just inside the doors to the chapel as you enter and exit. Our gifts take many forms: open-hearted presence here, voices lifted in song, the prayers that rise in us, the material gifts we share with neighbors, and our willingness to live in a world as allies and advocates for those whose needs are overlooked. The monies we bring symbolize the offering of our lives in all circumstances. A separate labeled basket is available each week to receive Our Daily Change offerings.

COMMUNITY JOYS AND CONCERNS: If you would like to add or update a prayer request, please contact the church office.

We celebrate: The WWC Farm Crew for the amazing Thanksgiving display in the Chapel ◦ **The Stewardship Committee** for all the work that went into this year's campaign ◦ **The Centennial Committee** and the many other people that helped put together our Celebration today and over the past several weeks

We remember in prayer: **Natalie Daugherty** as she waits to hear next steps on her health journey ◦ **Ernst Laursen** at Aston Park ◦ **Blake Joslin** for continued healing, now at home ◦ **Barbara Escalante** after breaking her wrist ◦ **Mary Wheeler** for ongoing healing and strength

STEWARDSHIP UPDATE 100 Years of Service – The Future is Calling! Your gifts and commitments for next year have brought us close to our stewardship goal for 2026. We are so close at 91 %. If you already made your commitment, thank you very much. If you still have a commitment to make, please do so today or this week! If you would like to consider an additional gift or commitment to the church towards the ministry for 2026, yours might be the gift that puts us over our goal of \$225,000.

COMMUNITY YOGA We are hosting the Riceville Community Yoga that lost their usual meeting place to Helene. This class is open to anyone and meets Wednesdays and Fridays at 9:00 AM in the downstairs youth room of the Education Building

TAI CHI/QIGONG PRACTICE CLASS Improve your balance, bone & muscle strength, flexibility, posture, range of motion, breathing fitness, concentration, and stress level using gentle, fluid, easy-to-follow stretching and exercise. Mondays, 2:30 PM, in the WWPC Lower Fellowship Hall, Starting November 10, lead by Paulette Heck, pheck812@gmail.com (828)335-4631. Paulette began taking classes and practicing Tai Chi/Qigong 15 years ago and began teaching 5 years ago.

KNITTERS NEEDED Our own work crew member, Eloise, is hosting a knitting and crocheting event that will be held November 24 from 4PM-6PM. We will meet in the Fellowship Hall, and will start making hats for the A-Hope Day Shelter. Beginners are welcome, but the event is geared towards people who already know how to do a basic knit stitch. Help will be offered to knitters/crocheters to find a hat pattern. The event will also be advertised to the students of Warren Wilson College, so come and join us for a day of community knitting!

POINSETTIAS Order a poinsettia in honor or in memory of your loved ones. These will be displayed in the front of the chapel to help celebrate the Christmas season, and can be taken home after the service on Christmas Eve. Each poinsettia costs \$12 and orders can be sent to Andrew in the church office or turned in on Sunday mornings - look for the order forms and envelope in the narthex. Deadline is December 7.

HANGING OF THE GREENS On Friday, December 5 at 11:00 AM we are decorating the Chapel. Come help hang the greens! Pizza will be provided.

COOKIES AND CAROLS On December 7 at 7:00 we will celebrate a festive holiday tradition: Cookies and Carols! Enjoy delicious Christmas treats and join in singing some favorite Christmas songs with the Warren Wilson community.

CENTENNIAL CELEBRATION We celebrate our centennial today! Stay after worship today for a reception and a program called "The First 100 Years".

FOOD DONATIONS This week and next we are collecting non-perishable food items for SVCM to be placed at the farm display.

BLUE RIDGE ORCHESTRA The Blue Ridge Orchestra returns to the WWPC Chapel on December 7 at 3:00 for their Holiday Concert.

CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED The church office will be closed on Thursday and Friday for Thanksgiving.

THANKSGIVING POTLUCK The church is hosting a potluck at 2:00 on Thanksgiving Day. This is an opportunity for us to provide a meal for those that might not be able to return to their families for the holiday, such as the international students.

Cover: Artist Charles Counts of Rising Fawn Pottery gifted the ceramic and mosaic piece on the cover to Warren Wilson Presbyterian Church in 1964. Charles Counts also created the mosaic frieze over the chapel entrance.



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*At Warren Wilson Presbyterian Church we are mothers and fathers,
single and married, gay and straight, young and old, black and white,
prosperous and poor, uncertain and sure, broken and whole – and
everything in between. Together we are the many faces of humanity,
yet as a joyful, caring, and loving community of faith,
we are one in Christ!*